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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/030,452  
Applicant : Masayuki YABUTA, et al.  
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Title : METHODS FOR REDUCING THE FORMATION OF BY-  
PRODUCTS IN THE PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT  
POLYPEPTIDES  
TC/Art Unit : 1653  
Examiner: : Agnes Beata Rooke  
Docket No. : 58777.000008  
Customer No. : **21967**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME,**  
**REPLY, AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to the Office Action dated December 26, 2006 ("Office Action"), in the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including June 26, 2007. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is attached to cover the three (3) month extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

No additional fees are believed due with this response. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"), please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206.**

This Reply and Amendment is provided in the following format:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3; and

**Remarks** begin on page 8.

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